

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete previous abstract at page 18 and add the following new abstract:

-- Articles that include a fuel cell diffusion layer and a sulfonic acid moiety covalently bonded to the fuel cell diffusion layer are disclosed. The sulfonic acid moiety can have the formula RSO_3H and R can be \diagup , an alkyl moiety, an alkenyl moiety, an alkynyl moiety, an aryl moiety, or a heteroaryl moiety. --